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ENFORCEMENT OF CALIFORNIA'S DIESEL FLEET PERIODIC SMOKE INSPECTION PROGRAM (PSIP)

Since October 1, 1999, owners of California-based fleets have had to comply with all of the following:

- All heavy-duty diesel powered vehicles (except those with engines that are four years old or newer, or those used exclusively for personal use, such as a motor home) must be tested annually with a smoke opacity meter according to the SAE J1667 test specifications and procedures;
- All heavy-duty diesel powered vehicles must meet the applicable opacity standards of 55% for pre-1991 engines and 40% for 1991 and newer engines;
- All heavy-duty diesel powered vehicles determined to be in non-compliance must be promptly repaired and brought into compliance;
- Records of opacity tests, repair information, and post repair opacity tests for each vehicle must be maintained for at least two years.

The ARB has the authority to audit the inspection records of all heavy-duty diesel-powered vehicles at owner/operator designated fleet locations and to test vehicles for compliance. Audits are currently being conducted by the ARB's Mobile Source Operations and Enforcement Divisions. Fleets found to be non-compliant will be subject to legal action and significant civil penalties. To obtain more information about the PSIP, please visit our website at: http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/hdvip/hdvip.htm.

Penalties: Applicable civil penalties under the Health and Safety Code 43016 will be assessed for violations.

If you have any questions regarding program regulations, please contact Mr. Ramon Cabrera at (626) 322-7061. If you have any questions regarding enforcement, please contact Mrs. Michele Burns at (626) 350-6490. If you have additional questions, please contact ARB's Public Information Office at 1-800-END-SMOG.